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Julius Genachowski  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a Congressman from New York City, the home of NBC Universal, I am asking that you review the agreement proposal with Comcast in a thorough way that doesn't needlessly drag out the process. I would also like to share with you my support for the merger.

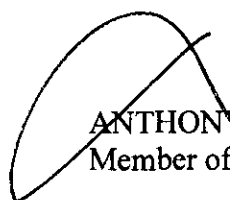
NBC Universal has maintained a strong and positive presence in New York for many decades. Over 3,500 people work full time for NBCU here, and the company pays more than \$770 million annually in wages and spends, on average, more than \$1 billion a year on New York based production. I understand that the merger will strengthen this important employer.

A business venture of this magnitude requires careful review, but I believe the interests of the nation and New York will be well served if the relevant agencies move swiftly and with a clear focus on the merits of the deal, and without delay.

Since this merger was announced, Congress has held six hearings and the FCC hosted an 8 hour public forum on the transaction in Chicago. In addition, the commission has received input from thousands of Americans during a five month public comment period and a two month reply period. Groups such as the Directors Guild of America, The Southern California branch of the Teamsters Union, and the National Action Network have announced their support. Eight governors, over 115 state officials, more than 40 mayors, and prominent members of the African American and Hispanic communities, including Members of Congress, have endorsed the deal, signaling their confidence in Comcast and NBCU's pledge to maintain and expand diverse programming and a diverse workforce.

With wide ranging public support and the large record of information that has been compiled, I hope that you will join me in supporting the timely approval of this joint venture.

Sincerely,

  
ANTHONY D. WEINER  
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Anthony D. Weiner  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Weiner:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's review of the proposed joint venture between Comcast Corporation and the General Electric Company subsidiary, NBC Universal, Inc. I appreciate your interest in this important transaction and value your views. We will make your correspondence part of the record in the proceeding.

I agree that the Commission's analysis of the proposed Comcast-GE transaction must be thorough, fair, and conducted in an expeditious manner. Staff studied carefully the Commission's past practices in reviewing proposed transactions in order to develop procedures that better achieve these objectives. As part of this effort, the Commission's *Public Notice* seeking comment on the applications required that all substantive issues be raised in the initial filings so that the parties would have the opportunity to address the issues as early as possible in the proceeding.

Please be assured that the issues discussed in your letter, including the potential benefits of a combined Comcast-NBC Universal to the American public, will be considered carefully as part of the Commission's independent review of the transaction. Our staff will continue to work diligently as it reviews the record compiled in the proceeding, including all petitions and comments received from the public. We also will continue to coordinate our efforts with those of the Department of Justice as we strive to have a comprehensive and timely review.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Genachowski", is written over the typed name.

Julius Genachowski